

many more hills to climb." With this sentiment in mind, I ask my colleagues and fellow Americans to join me in observing Mandela Day and continuing Mr. Mandela's legacy in our own communities.

HONORING JOHN P. BRODER

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor my friend, John P. Broder, upon his retirement from Winthrop-University Hospital.

Mr. Broder has been in the marketing, public affairs and development profession for 42 years. For the past 20 years, he has been the Vice President for External Affairs and Development at Winthrop-University Hospital. He was responsible for government relations and development programs and has been instrumental in establishing the marketing, advertising and public affairs department at the Hospital.

Mr. Broder received his degree in business administration from the St. Michael's College in Vermont and earned his MBA in Marketing from the Hagen Graduate School of Business at Iona College. In addition, Mr. Broder was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army after serving a combat tour in the Republic of Vietnam. He began his career with the United Way of Tri-State before moving to the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center where he was responsible for the hospital's successful \$110 million capital campaign. Prior to joining the team at Winthrop, Mr. Broder was the Vice President in charge of the development programs at Long Island Jewish Medical Center.

In addition to his impressive career, Mr. Broder has made time to serve the community through a variety of organizations. He is the Vice President of the Mineola Chamber of Commerce, a board member and past President of the Mineola Lions Club, Director of the Fair Media Council, works with the Mineola Community Planning Committee, and is a member of the Corporate Advisory Committee of Literacy Nassau, to name a few.

For more than 30 years Mr. Broder has been a resident of Long Island and through his work and his volunteer service he has done a great deal to help improve our communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is with admiration and respect that I offer my thanks and recognition to my friend John P. Broder for his many years of hard work and friendship.

HONORING RICE UNIVERSITY ON
THEIR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Rice University in Houston, Texas as a prominent research university advancing education in the arts, humanities and sciences. Inaugurated on October 12, 1912 and named after its

benefactor, William Marsh Rice, the university has continued to excel, with an impressive list of accomplishments and achievements over the past century.

As a leading research university with a commitment to undergraduate education, Rice consistently ranks among the top 20 universities in the United States overall and ranks among the world's top 100 universities every year.

The University is leading research in a wide range of fields, from bioinformatics, cellular technology, and health, to nanotechnology, and space. Rice is the first university in the United States to create a department dedicated to space exploration. In fact, the land that is now home to the Johnson Space Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Houston was originally donated by Rice.

The university also has a proven track record of producing strong, dependable community and national leaders including: Former U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez, current City of Houston Mayor Annise Parker, Nobel Prize of Chemistry Dr. Richard Smalley, NASA Astronaut Peggy Whitson, and All-Star Major League Baseball player Lance Berkman, just to name a few.

Truth be told, each year I take my two sons down to Reckling Park to watch from the hill and left field the Rice Owls compete in NCAA baseball. It's a tradition in our family.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to join with Rice University administration, staff, alumni, students and community in celebrating this milestone and I look forward to the bright future and successes coming out of Rice University over the next centennial. I am confident the best is yet to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, on the Legislative Day of July 9, 2012, I missed two votes. Had I been present for these rollcall votes, I would have voted "Yes" on rollcall 452—H.R. 4155—Veteran Skills to Jobs Act and "Yes" on rollcall 453—H.R. 4367—ATM Fee Disclosure Requirement.

HONORING NORTH CAROLINA
STATE SENATOR EDWARD JONES
ON THE OCCASION OF RECOGNITION
BY DOWNTOWN ENFIELD
RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great pleasure to honor North Carolina State Senator Edward Jones. Senator Jones' steadfast commitment to North Carolina and its Fourth Senatorial District is to be applauded as a fine example of a public servant. As the only retired State Trooper elected to the North

Carolina Senate, Senator Edward Jones serves his constituency with a legacy of humility and patriotism. He truly embodies his personal motto, "We are not judged by the titles we possess, but by the job we do."

Senator Jones' public service extends back to his duties in the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army. After an honorable discharge from the military, Edward Jones served as Deputy Sheriff in Buncombe County prior to enrolling in the North Carolina Justice Academy where he became a patrolman in 1975. At the time, he was one of only three African American troopers in North Carolina, and defied odds by rising to the rank of Sergeant in 1985 and ultimately First Sergeant in 1995.

Upon retirement from the State Highway Patrol, he went on to serve as Chief of Police and later Mayor for the city of Enfield, located in Halifax County. His service in these two roles provided significant exposure to local concerns and a firm foundation for his subsequent political career.

In 2005, Jones was appointed to the North Carolina General Assembly to complete the unexpired term of Representative John Hall. In 2007, he was appointed again, this time to complete the unexpired term of Senator Robert Holloman. In this seat, which remains as his current post, he serves North Carolina Senate's Fourth District, one of the largest districts in the legislature. As Senator, Jones has distinguished himself in the area of crime and public safety. He not only leads from the senate floor, but also on a grassroots level as he frequently visits communities, agencies, and organizations to assess respective needs and concerns.

Outside the legislature, Senator Jones is decorated with many achievements. He is the first African American to serve on the Board of Trustees at Chowan University. He is a member of the Governor's Crime Commission, the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus, and board member of the Halifax County Boys and Girls Club.

While his commitment to public service is commendable, it is noteworthy that he is deeply rooted in his faith and family. Jones is the proud husband to wife, Mary Ann, father to daughters Alesha and Andrea, and "Papa" to granddaughters, Charisma, Carmen, and Farrah.

Senator Jones is a man of honor, valor, and commitment. I urge my colleagues to join me in applauding Senator Edward Jones' lifelong dedication to the people of North Carolina.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, on July 9, 2012, I missed rollcall votes No. 452–454 due to a family obligation. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."